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First Inventor	Mark J. Kline
Assignee	The Procter & Gamble Company
Title	Absorbent Article With Improved Fastening System
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